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WALLED PIPE

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

IN THE ABSTRACT;

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

| TRACT: | Delete the Abstract in its entirety and substitute therefor the Abstract attached.

hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

before line 4, insert -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--; Page 1,

line 25, after A, insert --"--;

line 27, delete "said";

line 28, change "latter" to --pipe--;

line 29, change "which" (second occurrence) to --as--;

line 30, change "causing" to --causes--.

line 6, after "US", insert -- Patent --; Page 3,

line 27, after "US", insert -- Patent --;

change "3,768,209" to -- 3,768,269--;

line 29, after "US", insert -- Patent --;

line 31, after "US", insert -- Patent--.

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